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For : ENCAPSULATION OF SENSITIVE LIQUID COMPONENTS
INTO A MATRIX TO OBTAIN DISCRETE SHELF-STABLE
PARTICLES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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With reference to the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application prior to issuance of the first Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 30-46:

a' --30. A method for encapsulating or embedding a component in a matrix
comprising:

- a. obtaining a formable mixture by admixing ingredients comprising at
least one plasticizable matrix material comprising a durum
ingredient, a liquid plasticizer, an encapsulant, and an additional
component selected from the group consisting of at least

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